

DOING WELL: Two-year-old Jason Cowden of Anoka, Minn. goes over a scrapbook with his grandmother, Mrs. Hazel Underdahl, the book containing many memories of his attack last July by a mountain lion near Rapid City, S.D., which was stabbed to death by Mrs. Underdahl. The animal was at an animal compound tourist attraction. (AP Wirephoto)

Suspended Lottery Agent Has Shot At \$200,000

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP) — A Royal Oak service station owner, who was suspended as a lottery sales agent a year ago, has turned up with a lucky lottery ticket giving him a shot at winning the \$200,000 super drawing top prize Thursday.

George Kelber, 52, of Madison Heights, who operates a so-called losers' lottery drawing at his Royal Oak station, will be one of 12 contestants in the super drawing, the Bureau of State Lottery said.

Also vying for the \$200,000 top prize Thursday will be Mrs. Bob Teel of 4721 Shore Drive, Coloma. The 38 year-old mother of an 11 year-old son, Bobby, she is employed as a saleswoman for the DeRosa Real Estate agency of Benton Harbor.

She is certain of winning at least \$10,000 in the lottery. When asked if she had any specific plans for the money, she said "Oh my goodness, no."

Kelber was suspended just a year ago from selling lottery

tickets, after Lottery Commissioner Gus Harrison said information Kelber provided while applying for the license did not agree with information provided by State Police.

At the time, Kelber was making news by reporting on what he said was phenomenal success at buying winning tickets at his station. He reported he won \$375 in \$25 winning tickets in one week after spending only \$34 for 68 lottery tickets.

NILES BOY DROWNS IN GRAVEL PIT

NILES — A six-year-old Niles boy fell through thin ice covering a gravel pit near his home and drowned yesterday afternoon, according to state police here.

The victim was Frank Wabern Johnson II, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter N. Johnson, 2208 Invicta drive, Niles.

Police said the gravel pit is located in the Misty Acres subdivision about three miles north of Niles in Cass county's Howard township.

The boy and a neighborhood girl were reportedly crossing the pit to reach the girl's house when the ice gave way about 2 p.m.

The boy was pulled from the water estimated at three to four feet deep and taken to Pawatong hospital, Niles, where he was pronounced dead on arrival. His mother waded into the water to locate him.

Frank was born June 27, 1967, at Oshkosh, Wis., and came home with his family from Omro, Wis., in 1970. He was a kindergarten student at James Ellis elementary school in Niles.

Surviving in addition to his parents, are a sister, Vickie, and a brother, Daniel, both at home; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, Omro, Wis.; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young, San Francisco, Calif.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Plansky Funeral in Omro, where the body is to be sent from the Halbritter Funeral home in Niles.

ADMITTED TO BAR: Carl G. Cooper, 29, Benton Harbor's new assistant city attorney, was admitted to practice law in Michigan Tuesday by Judge William S. White of Berrien circuit court. Cooper is a 1972 graduate of Howard university law school in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Marlene, and son live at 777 East Napier, Benton township. (Staff photo)

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Nation's Planned Fuel Diet 20% Gasoline Cut Is Seen

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Nixon administration's promised fuel diet for the nation will include a reduction of up to 20 per cent in gasoline production, the sources say.

Another source said it could be as much as 25 per cent.

The cutback is contained in new fuel allocation regulations expected to be released today.

Informed sources say the regulations will give top priority for gasoline use to essential community services, including police and fire departments and ambulances.

And, say the sources, the top priority for middle-distillate fuels, including home heating oil, will go to medical services, public transportation, room heating for hospitals and to producers of oil, gas, coal and

hydroelectric power.

Under the regulations, essential users of gasoline would be given all the fuel they need. So-called nonpriority customers, including the average driver, would be able to purchase whatever gasoline is available at filling stations, which would get only 80 per cent of their needs, the sources said.

While the regulations would spell out top-priority needs for home heating oil and other middle-distillate fuels, it was not immediately known whether there were any major changes in an earlier proposal for residential heating. It was to force a lowering of thermostats by six degrees through a fuel-oil distributor-operated rationing system.

A second-priority category for middle-distillate fuels would be established for agricultural users, who would

be entitled to 10 per cent more of these fuels than consumed a year earlier. Also, sources said a 3-per-cent reserve would be put aside for hardship cases.

The new regulations still leave several questions undecided by the administration's Federal Energy Office, headed by William E. Simon.

By the end of the month, Simon has promised a decision on whether to proceed with gasoline rationing.

Also, pending in Congress is emergency energy legislation requested by Nixon. It would authorize, among other things, a nationwide reduction in speed limits for automobiles to 50 miles an hour, 55 m.p.h. for trucks, Sunday gasoline station closings and possibly mandatory early store closings and shorter working hours.

California Will Probe Nixon Taxes

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California officials will conduct a confidential investigation to determine whether President Nixon owes any state income tax.

The chairman of the board that administers the state income tax said he is sure Nixon would pay any tax the state might decide he owed.

The White House disclosed

last weekend that Nixon has paid no state income tax since becoming President. His lawyers contend he is not a California resident for income tax purposes even though his voting residence is his San Clemente, Calif., estate.

The decision for an investigation came out of a stormy meeting Tuesday of the Franchise Tax Board during which Democratic member William M. Bennett accused Nixon of deliberately evading state income taxes. He also charged that Nixon is getting special treatment.

Bennett moved that Nixon be sent a state income tax bill now, but the motion was ignored by the other two board members, both Republicans.

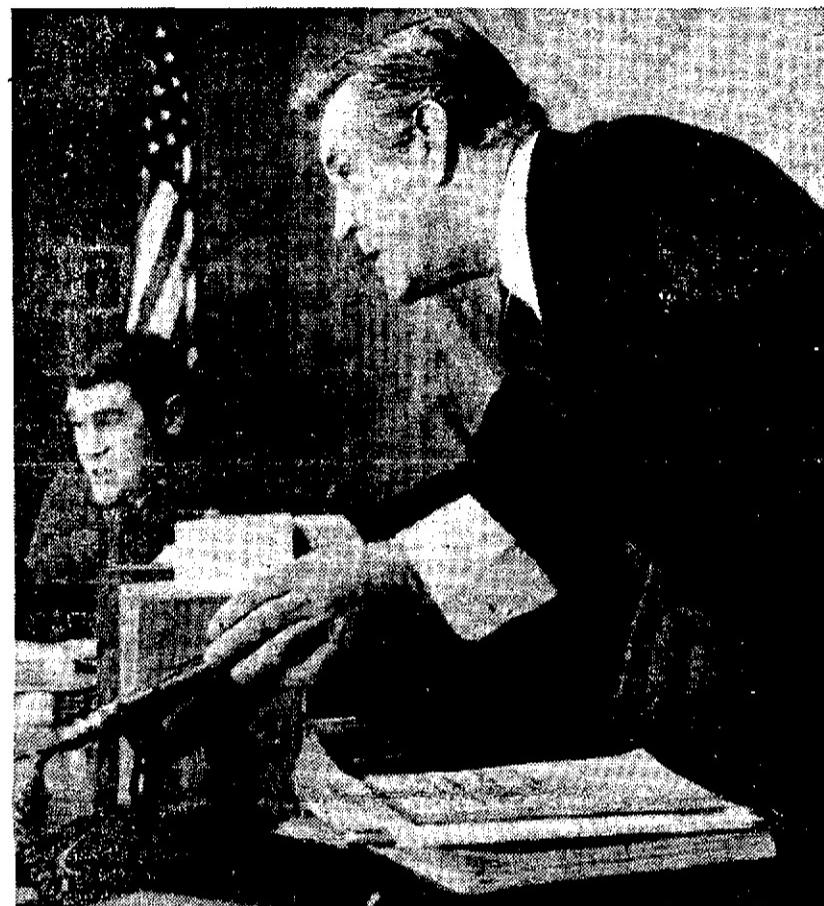
Board Chairman Houston I. Flournoy, the state controller, accused Bennett of playing politics and said Nixon would be treated "fairly and squarely and not on the basis of any partisan considerations."

Flournoy added, "If there is a legal liability, I am confident the taxes will be paid."

The dispute over how to handle Bennett's complaint got so heated that Bennett invited Flournoy to "go outside and straighten it out that way," presumably with clenched fists. Flournoy declined, saying: "I believe in the normal course of procedure."

The normal course is that Bennett's complaint will be looked into by the board staff confidentially on the basis of Bennett's personal complaint, said Martin Huff, the board's executive officer.

"We look into every request, lead or whatever you want to call it," Huff said.



SAYS NIXON EADED STATE INCOME TAXES: William Bennett, a Democratic member of the California Franchise Tax Board picked up his belonging Tuesday and started to walk out of a Board meeting in Sacramento when they, in a two to one vote, refused to investigate President Nixon's state income tax status. Bennett accused President Nixon of deliberately evading state income taxes and demanded a formal investigation. Board chairman, State Controller Houston Flournoy, left, and state finance director Vern Orr, the two Republicans on the three man board, voted against the investigation. (AP Wirephoto)

Consumers Power Company Denies Monopoly Charge

JACKSON, Mich. (AP) — Consumers Power Co. Tuesday denied charges from the U.S. Justice Department that the utility is engaged in a power monopoly in Lower Michigan.

In leveling the charges, the department asked the Atomic Energy Commission to hold

up licensing of Consumers' Midland nuclear plant until the utility acts to remedy the alleged monopoly. The company issued a statement saying it believes it "lacks the monopoly power to control prices or competition because of thorough regulation of the power industry."

Angry Algeria First Stop For Kissinger In Mideast

LONDON (AP) — Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger is planning to start his tour of the Middle East with a visit to Algeria, one of the most vocally militant of the Arab states, informed sources said today.

Kissinger probably will fly to Algiers Thursday to try to get President Houari Boumedienne's support for the United States government's Middle East policy, the sources said.

The secretary of state continued his diplomatic fence-mending today with calls on Prime Minister Edward Heath and Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home.

He also planned a major address on American policy toward oil-conscious Western Europe.

Kissinger, who heads Thursday for a new round of talks in the Middle East, hoped to convince the British that their interests would be protected at the Arab-Israeli peace conference. It is scheduled to open Dec. 18 in Geneva.

Because of Britain's dependence on Arab oil, some British of-

ficials have questioned the strong support the United States gave Israel during the October war and are pressing for Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories.

In his speech to the Pilgrims' Society, a British-American friendship group, Kissinger was expected to call for a joint Western effort to cope with the oil squeeze. He also was certain to appeal for a strong spirit of transatlantic cooperation, a theme he sounded at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization meeting in Brussels Monday and Tuesday.

At the Brussels meeting, Kissinger reiterated the U.S. commitment to the 1967 United Nations resolution calling on Israel to pull back to "secure frontiers" from Arab territories it seized in 1967. But the question is how much of a withdrawal the Americans expect.

The Arabs have said repeatedly that their oil slowdown and

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Truck Stoppage Lacks Support

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

A threatened two-day work stoppage by independent truck drivers to protest higher fuel costs and lower speed limits appeared to have only scattered support today.

Leaders of the protest said

they wanted independent drivers to vacate the nation's highways by 11:59 p.m. EDT tonight. But Teamsters President Frank Fitzsimmons told a Senate subcommittee Tuesday he doubted a shutdown would take place.

Truckers, particularly independent drivers, want assurances that actions such as

lower speeds, higher fuel costs and reduced supplies of fuel will not impair their ability to make a living. Most of them are paid by the mile and pay their own expenses.

In what appeared to be the most significant action, some

200 trucks remained parked today at a truck stop in Batonsville, Pa. The manager of the stop said the truckers were calling for an immediate stoppage rather than wait for the

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THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

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On The Bench

Two weeks ago Bo Schembechler, the U-M football coach, was calling upon the saints to conduct a sanity hearing for the Big Ten's decision to return Ohio State to the Rose Bowl.

Without even thinking of watching the films of the tie game on November 24th in which the Blue outclassed the Scarlet and Gray in everything but the score, a majority of the athletic directors gave the nod to Woody Hayes' troop.

Over the weekend Senator Griffin handed down a similar decision in the dark.

He sent up the name of another man from the Ninth Congressional District for high office in the U.S. scheme of things, in this instance, Wendell A. Miles, of Grand Haven, for a pending vacancy in the federal district court at Grand Rapids.

His action dashed the hopes of 13 other hopefuls and that of our own circuit judge, Chester J. Byrns, in particular.

The Byrns rejection scorched more than His Honor.

It turned over a battalion of dedicated local Republicans who were in high hopes that for once in many a moon Berrien county which has carried its full share of water to the G.O.P. might enjoy a ride on the elephant.

Upon hearing the word, Ardall Ferguson, a leading Benton Harbor businessman who more than led the bankroll drive for Griffin's campaign last year, is said to remarked that as a staunch Methodist he might just have to quaff something stronger than sacramental grape juice.

Assuming the U.S. Senate does not upset the apple cart for Miles who is the judge for the Ottawa-Allegan circuit court district and for Albert J. Engel whom Nixon has nominated for the U.S. Court of Appeals, the Ninth Congressional more than fills the honor roll.

Here is the list of its luminaries:

Senator Griffin and Governor Milliken from Traverse City.

Noel Fox, of Muskegon, on the federal district court.

Engel, of Muskegon, due to move up from the federal district court.

Miles who has alternated between

Grand Rapids and Grand Haven.

Jerry Ford, of Grand Rapids, Vice President.

E. Vincent Erickson, of Grand Haven, chairman of the Michigan Highway Commission.

We realized a Democrat would dispute us in saying each of them is excellent timber performing yeoman service in keeping the body politic somewhere on an even keel.

There is, however, a question of geographical balance which both major parties sometimes overlook to their regret.

Government can not be run solely by who comes from what particular acreage, but not all talent is exclusive to a given plot of real estate. Neither is voted power consistently situated in one locality.

Recognizing this fact, both parties usually try to put some geographic balance in their campaign tickets and in their appointments when installed in office.

Consequently the parallel between Chet and Bo becomes all the more striking.

Judge Byrns and Judge Miles are good men in their field and both have delivered party service before their judicial occupations erased partisan activity.

Equally capable in their endeavors are the teams which Bo and Woody Hayes fielded this season.

The divider for the honors in each case is the same. Ohio State went to the Rose Bowl the last time out. Miles is from an area covered by political plums. Byrns is in a locality that is parched for recognition.

Comparing the Big Ten's athletic directors to Senator Griffin somewhat stretches the imagination because he is a tall man in the upper House.

Yet like the ADs who did not see the ball game, Griffin did fail to look beyond his own stamping ground.

Bo will be rooting for Woody's boys on January 1st and we hope Griffin entertains no thought of retiring except to go on to something bigger and better.

But next time around, on the football field or in the political ring, we hope the men upstairs are not wearing blinders.

Hanukkah Is A Festival
To Please The Children

The eight-day festival of Hanukkah, beginning Thursday, Dec. 20, is the Jewish alternative for the Christian observance of Christmas. It celebrates the victory of Judas Maccabaeus over the Syrian legions in 165 B.C. and the rededication of the Temple at Jerusalem. For Jews, the Maccabean victory symbolizes their steadfastness of faith when oppressed. And Hanukkah has begun to receive as much attention in the Jewish home as the High Holy Days and Sabbath, especially in families where there are children.

But religious leaders say the reason for this is not Hanukkah, which is a relatively minor festival in Jewish tradition. "The military victory of the Maccabees which the eight days of

One Explanation

Haig's latest on the erased tape fiasco is what he calls a "devil theory" of how it happened. He's even taken to grasping at straws that aren't there.

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Hanukkah celebrate was never meant by the rabbis to evoke the commotion and enthusiasm which it receives today," wrote rabbi-author Herbert Weiner several years ago. "But what can the Jewish parent do when his child sees all the glitter of Christmas? Buy the Jewish child a Christmas tree?"

So the vacuum was filled, Weiner declared, by the "swelling up of a minor festival into a major event." On the first night of Hanukkah, one light will be kindled in Jewish homes, an extra one being added on each succeeding night. This symbolizes the tradition that though the ancient Hebrews had enough oil for only one day, their supply miraculously lasted for eight days while they were cleansing the Jerusalem Temple.

Another such miracle would be welcomed by Jews and non-Jews alike in view of the world energy shortage. But Israeli Jews may find it difficult to be festive during this year's festival of lights. They have not forgotten that Egypt and Syria picked another Jewish holy day, Yom Kippur, to launch the most recent Middle East War.

Jewish religious leaders criticize their congregations for turning Hanukkah into a Jewish version of Christmas. But, says novelist Herman Wouk, the two holidays do have one real point of contact. "Had Antiochus succeeded in obliterating Jewry a century and a half before the birth of Jesus, there would have been no Christmas. The feast of the Nativity rests on the victory of Hanukkah."

Barbed branches of the jumping cholla, a desert cactus, break off at the slightest touch and fasten themselves to men and animals, National Geographic says. When the hitchhikers are dislodged, they take root where they fall.

American Christmas tree plantations cover about 450,000 acres.

Unwelcome Guests



Ray Cromley

Stringency Coming
Across The Board

in American gross national product of only 2 to 3 per cent for years to come.

Government and industry programs, to spur quick increases in energy production will continue to be slowed by discussions and disagreements over how to preserve the environment. There will also be long-term problems in adjusting to new forms of production, changing commercial arrangements and perhaps new ways of living.

Much of our business and life style, including recreation, is built solidly on cheap petroleum. No one now predicts oil or any form of energy will ever be cheap again. Adjusting to this new way of life by suburbanites, farmers, manufacturers and governments will take from one to two decades. Attempts to increase the pace will produce new disruptions.

As has already been predicted elsewhere, 1974 will be a rough year, but not so rough probably as the more pessimistic commentators predict. My relative optimism is based on the hope that government and industry will take reasonably sound actions quickly. As of now, the major problem is a lack of leadership in the White House, in industry and Congress.

In 1974, it's expected, industrial productivity will be down or show little change. Meanwhile, labor will be making strong attempts to catch up with the rapidly-rising cost of living in 1973 and the continued pressures of 1974. Specialists tell me this combination of a sluggish productivity and labor pressures will likely increase costs dramatically.

Marianne Means

When Pondering
Is Ponderous

GLANCING BACKWARDS

HOSTILE WEATHER
MAY GET WORSE

— 1 Year Ago —

The weather's bad and it will probably get worse tonight. Many schools in southwestern Michigan were closed today because freezing rain hit just as the buses were about to start their runs and it was the country roads that were the worst.

Three to four inches of new snow fell overnight but it was light and fluffy. However, the temperature rose this morning and the precipitation changed to rain and sleet.

TELLS ABOUT LIFE
IN PEACE CORPS

— 10 Years Ago —

"These meetings every day are getting on our nerves. We are anxious to get our hands dirty for a change," writes Peace Corpsman Gene T. Walters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Walters of 520 Madison Ave., St. Joseph. Walters, 21, is one of 43 Peace Corp volunteers in a rural Community Action program in the area of Florencita, Colombia.

Walters is a surveyor with the party, operating in the west central Andes mountains region

of the South American country.

The 1968 graduate of St. Joseph high school, formerly an engineering student at Western Michigan University, arrived in Colombia last week, after an intensive six-weeks of training for the project at the University of Nebraska. Walters' job will be surveying provincial boundaries in Colombia's central regions.

JAPS EVACUATE
TOKYO!

— 29 Years Ago —

Tokyo, capital of Japan and the home of 7,000,000 people, harassed by continued raids by American Superfortresses, is being evacuated. Berlin radio said today. Berlin said evacuation of the city, bombed repeatedly by American Superfortresses, would begin at once.

"Measures for the evacuation of Tokyo are progressing according to plan," the Berlin radio asserted.

VISIT FLORIDA

— 39 Years Ago —

Among tourists who recently visited Silver Springs, Fla., viewing the beauties under water in a glass bottomed boat, were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Swigert of 508 Wayne street.

TRIP THROUGH EAST

— 49 Years Ago —

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bean, Jr., of Fair Plain are enjoying a several weeks' trip through the east.

SNOW HELPS SPIRIT

— 59 Years Ago —

The slight fall of snow has already had a marked effect on the Christmas trade. The colder weather has generated more Christmas spirit than all the "shop early" signs in the city.

LUCKER'S NOW SITUATED

— 83 Years Ago —

Lucker's meat market is now situated at the corner of Main and Pleasant street in the Smith building.

THE GROUP WAS ESTABLISHED

last year after the Eagleton brou-hoo provoked demands for change in the secretive and hasty fashion in which Vice Presidential candidates more fool-proof is expected to reject any major reform of the system later this week.

Instead, the commission may recommend merely that the party's next Presidential nominee be allowed more time in which to pick his running mate.

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Twin City
Highlights

ST. JOSEPH, MICH. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1973

Open House 2 Days At Ross Field Tower

Dedication Ceremonies Scheduled

For \$200,000 Facility

By DICK DERRICK

SJ City Editor

Dedication of the \$200,000 air traffic control tower at Ross

field, Benton Harbor, will give Twin Cities area residents a chance to follow man's flight from Kitty Hawk to the moon.

Formal dedication of the 66-foot high tower is scheduled at 11 a.m. Friday. There will be a ribbon cutting at the base of the

tower and a dedication address by Rep. Edward Hutchinson, Fourth district congressman from St. Joseph, in the airport's terminal.

There will be an open house of the new facility on Friday and Saturday between 1 and 3 p.m.

The tower has been in operation about a month and the crew of five has been busy learning the details of the operation.

The campaign to bring air traffic control service to Ross field has been waged for almost a decade. Airport officials noted that Ross field was the state's busiest air center without a control tower.

There were so many disappointments in the campaign to get the tower appropriation through congress that when it was approved it came almost as a surprise.

The air traffic controllers assign flying space and set up landing procedures for both private planes and public carriers.

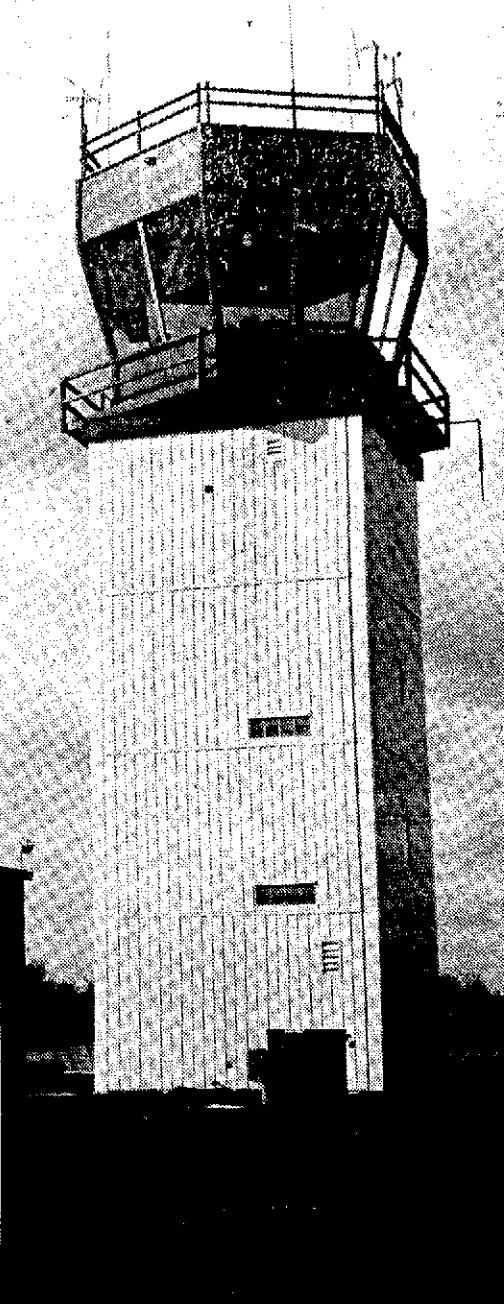
In addition to the control tower the airport board is in process of installing an instrument landing system which will help pilots adopt the safest guide path to a landing.

Officials from the Federal Aviation administration will join with area civic leaders and airport officials for the dedication.

Among the features of the dedication program will be a display of lunar rocks brought back by America's spacemen. The display will be located in the terminal.

A series of five films, "History of Flight — Wright Brothers," will be shown in the pilot's lounge. Each of the films runs for 28 minutes and shows a segment of the lives of the Wright brothers and the development of heavier than air flight.

Also scheduled to speak at the



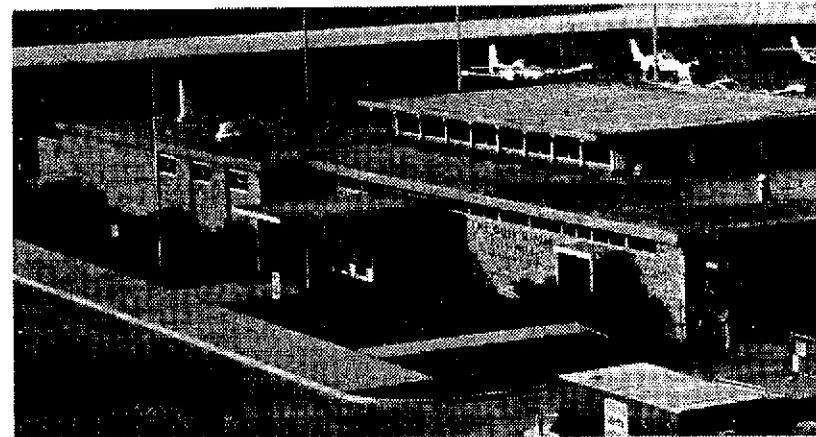
DEDICATION FRIDAY: Campaign of nearly 10 years will be climaxed Friday with dedication of air control tower at Ross field. Building was fabricated in El Paso, Texas, and trucked to twin cities to be assembled. Tower is 18 feet square and 66 feet high. After base of tower was assembled the control tower cab was lifted into place April 10. The tower was put into operation Oct. 18. (Staff Photo)

dedication will be Robert O. Ziegler, deputy director of the Federal Aviation agency's Great Lakes region.

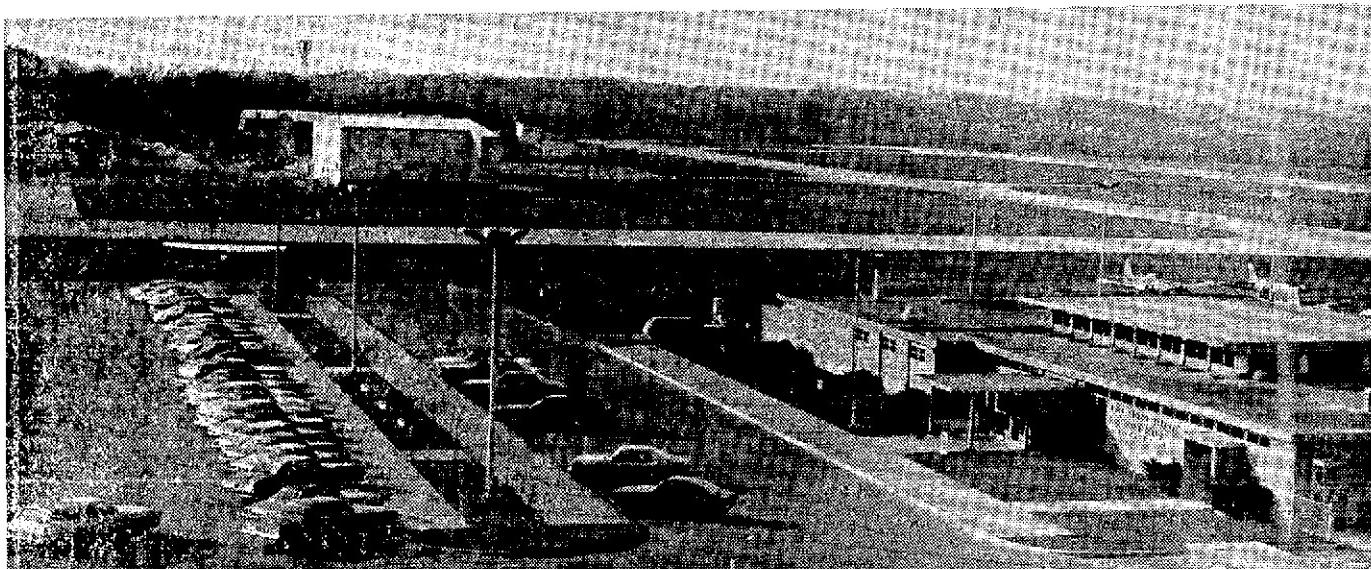
Einer A. (Larry) Larson, the airport board's representative from St. Joseph township, is chairman of the dedication program and will be the master of ceremonies.



BEHIND THE SCENES: Dave Green (right) heads four-man team to keep electronic equipment associated with communication and instrument landing systems at Ross field in working order. They are also in charge of enroute navigational aid (VORTOC) at Keeler. Green confers with Gary Courtney on an electronic maintenance problem. Other electronic technicians are Bud Bomberger and Jim Balazs. (Staff Photo)



MAIN ENTRANCE: Beautiful public terminal is arrival and departure center for air travellers to and from the Twin Cities. (Staff photo)



MODERN AIRPORT: This view from the control tower, the newest addition to Ross field, shows the up-to-date facility that has grown from a dirt strip that local early flyers began using in late

1920's. At right is public terminal and at upper left are private hangars. Some of airport's three paved runways are seen across middle and at upper right. (Staff photo)

Were Wrights Really First?

Flying History Made Here

By DICK DERRICK

SJ City Editor

Dedication of the control tower at Ross field will be another milestone in the history of aviation in the Twin Cities that may extend back even before the Wright brothers first flew at Kitty Hawk.

There is a staunch group of St. Joseph residents who believe that man's first powered flight took place on a stretch of Silver Beach in St. Joseph five years

before the Wrights flew in 1903.

The area's first pilot then, if their belief is correct, would be

Augustus Herring, a student of aerodynamics and a confidant of the air famed scientist, Octave Chanute. Herring supposedly flew an aircraft off Silver Beach with a compressed air motor.

The present location of the Twin Cities airport evolved in the late 1920's, after some of the pioneer pilots of the area had flown from a series of grass or

dirt fields in and around the two cities.

One of the earliest pilots, Jack Brennan, 1313 Jennings street, Benton Harbor, said the first strip was built up with factory slag in the Paw Paw river marsh area at North Shore drive and Klock road, now the site of New Products factory. Brennan said he and the late Warren Rutter and the late Ernie Trimble developed that field in the early or mid-1920's, but

an electric line built across it the next winter forced them to go elsewhere.

Other sites, according to

Brennan and Thomas Millar, a local aviation buff, were at the Van Camp farm on Britain avenue and the Merrill farm at the intersection of Britain and Crystal avenues. For a brief period, Brennan flew from what is now Union park on Benton Harbor's south side.

Joe Donnellan, another early-

day pilot, flew from Conkey's field on the northwest corner of Lincoln avenue and Glenwood road, south of St. Joseph.

In the late 1920's, the pilots began to use a part of the old Michigan golf course, at what is the present Ross field.

In 1934, the late H.B. Ross, a twin cities industrialist, gave 60 acres on which the dirt strip was located to the two towns and

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View From The Tower Is Worth Long Hike Up

It's a fairly long hike — straight up — to the cab of the new Ross field control tower, but the view both in and out is worth it.

The control tower is 18 feet

square and from the ground to the top of the tower it's 66 feet. That is roughly six stories.

Packed into the tower is emergency power equipment. Batteries on the first floor are constantly being recharged to carry the tower through outside power failures. The tower could

operate several days on its battery service, said Richard Mack, tower chief.

There is space for the electronic communications equipment used in contacting pilots

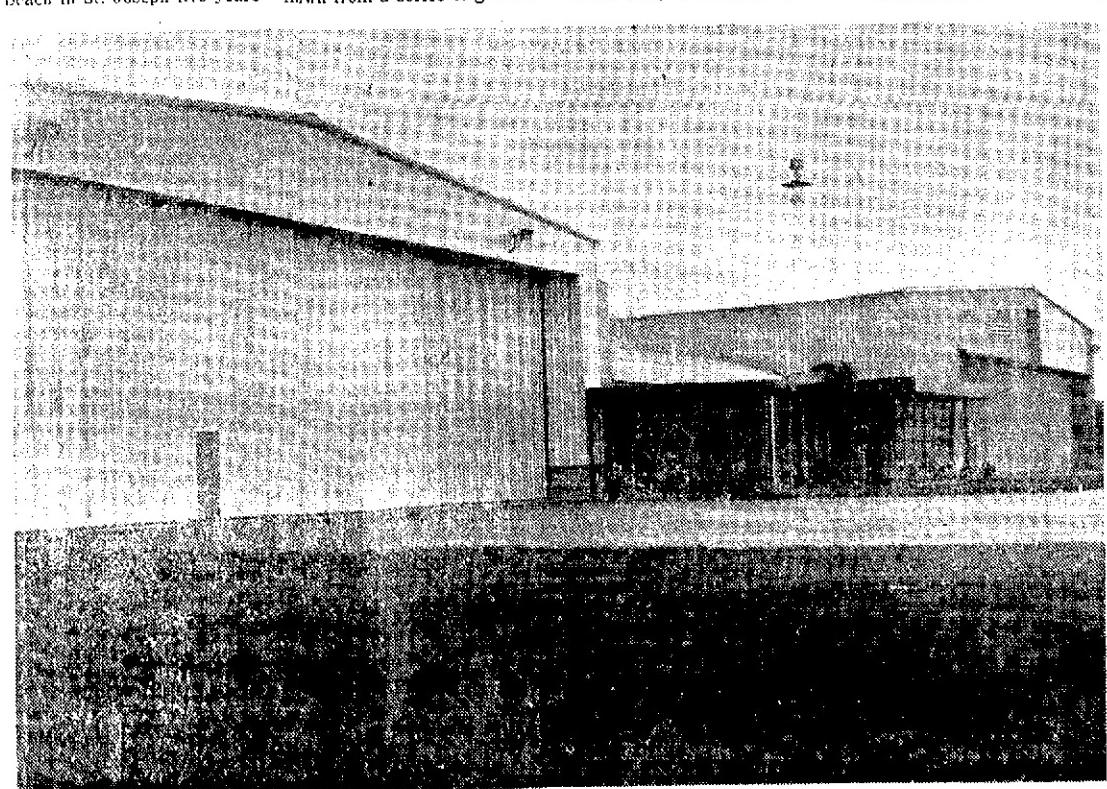
Office space and lunch facilities for crews that can not leave their post unmanned between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. are also included.

Following dedication of the \$200,000 structure at 11 a.m. Friday there will be conducted

tours between 1 and 3 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

To prevent congestion on the single flight of stairs the inspection will be conducted in groups led by one of the five control tower operators.

The members of the traffic control team in addition to Mack are William Mote, Harvey Hop, Richard Maher and Mark Beard. All have had prior experience in air tower operation and in aviation in general.



NEW FOR WHIRLPOOL: Whirlpool Corp. has doubled its hangar space with addition of 120 foot by 80 foot unit at left. The company also built new



HEATH'S NEW HANGAR: New pre-engineered hangar for Heath Co., a firm originally founded on the concept of selling planes in kit form, is located

next to new control tower. Hangar is latest of several new structures at Ross field. (Staff Photo)

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Highlights

ST. JOSEPH, MICH. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1973

Berrien Planners, Bertrand Officials To Meet

Stand On Western Electric To Be Clarified

Robert Palmer, chairman of the Berrien County Planning commission, said the commission will meet with Bertrand township officials to clarify the commission's position on rezoning property in Bertrand for the proposed Western Electric Co. material management center.

He said the county commission did not make an absolute turn-down of a zoning change request last June, and had suggested that

Bertrand township should identify and nature of the proposed industry before the township body could justify a zoning change. He pointed out that the county planning commission has only an advisory relationship to local zoning programs, and that the full authority for any change rests with the township.

Chairman Palmer, of Coloma, noted that Donald Ryman of Buchanan, a member of the county planning body, has strongly

opposed the location of the \$5 million plant.

Palmer went on to add that Ryman's statements in the matter did not necessarily represent the county planning commission's position.

Ryman had mailed a letter of protest against the plant site to the president of Michigan Bell Telephone Co. The letter was written on planning commission stationery and Ryman signed himself as a member and past chairman of the planning body.

Palmer said he personally visited the proposed plant site on US-12 and Chamberlain road as result of the controversy. The property is zoned agricultural but is not prime farming land and is bounded by two major highways and a railroad, he observed.

The meeting with Bertrand officials, both the township board and the Bertrand planning board, is scheduled for noon on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at Frankie's restaurant, Niles.

Exchange Newsies Fired Up For 'Big Push'



A CALL FOR 'GOOD' WEATHER: W. J. Banyon, editor and publisher of The News-Palladium, hosted the annual Benton Harbor Exchange club Newsie luncheon Tuesday and ordered good weather for Friday's Newsie sale — Christmas-like for spirit, but no blizzard. At right, is Dave Ohman, Exchange president.

SOUTH HAVEN

Lone Gunman Robs 8 In Bar

SOUTH HAVEN — Eight patrons of a rural South Haven bar were robbed of between \$300 and \$400 by a lone gunman early today, state police here reported.

The eight were forced to lie on the floor and be bound with tape while a barmaid was locked in a furnace room.

Police said the gunman kicked open a rear door to the Willowside bar, about six miles north of South Haven, at 2:15 a.m. after the doors had been locked.

According to police, the man, wearing a stocking over his face as a mask, was bandishing a sawed-off rifle reported to be a .22 caliber model.

Police said the man forced the barmaid, Kathy Billings, to tie up the patrons after ordering them to the floor. The barmaid was then locked in the furnace room while the man took the patron's money and fled.

The bandit was said to be in his late 20s.

The bar is on Blue Star Memorial highway in Casco township.

Ex-Coloma Girl Now Veterinarian

A former Coloma girl received a doctor of veterinary medicine degree from Michigan State University at Winter commencement Dec. 1, and will begin practice in Jackson.

She is Dr. Peggy Galles Chamberlain, 24, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James Galles of Coloma, a 1967 graduate of Coloma high school. She was married in June of 1972 to Frederick Chamberlain.

She will begin the practice of veterinary medicine at the Park



DR. PEGGY CHAMBERLAIN

& Kirby Animal clinic in Jackson. She and her husband will move to Jackson from their East Lansing residence. He is a commercial aircraft pilot.

Her father Dr. Galles, is a medical doctor and is a member of the St. Joseph Medical Corp., which provides medical service in the emergency room of St. Joseph Memorial hospital.

Dick Riel, a Bendix engineer, is putting his professional acumen to work to design a successful Benton Harbor Exchange Club Newsie sale Friday. Riel is sale chairman. At right is Atty. Dean Jennings who advises club members if any legalities come up.

New Chrysler Plant Coming

DETROIT (AP) — Chrysler Corp. will build a new assembly plant on Detroit's east side for assembly of large and intermediate sized cars, the automaker said Tuesday. Some sources said construction of the 914,000-square-foot assembly plant could cost as much as \$30 million but Chrysler declined to confirm the estimate. Chrysler also denied the new facility would be used for a new sub-compact car. Chrysler declined to estimate the number of workers who would be added to the payroll when construction is complete in 1975.

GOODFELLOWS FUND

'Deck The H-P Halls With Boughs Of Money'

There is a new song being sung around Herald-Press Good Fellows headquarters that goes like this: "Deck the halls with boughs of money."

(We know it's new because we just made it up.)

But Good Fellows from around the area are helping to decorate the Good Fellow fund with the long green.

There is a total of \$104.46 in Christmas presents to put under the tree. That means the fund has climbed to \$1,146.96 or put another way \$2,353.04 to go to

top the \$3,500 goal.

What Good Fellow statisticians would like is to be at the half-way mark when the newsie sale starts Friday. That's a pretty tall order.

Today's report lists \$5 from Southwestern Michigan Association for the Deaf.

Then comes \$79.46 from the Monday Musical Club, Inc. following the 42nd annual Candlelight Christmas Vesper. Finally there is \$20 from the dryer engineering department of the Whirlpool Laundry group.



A CALL TO SERVICE: Pastor Jack Epple of Fairplain Assembly of God says every time he sees a group of people he wants to preach or take an offering. He called for Newsies to reach out to "make somebody else's Christmas a little brighter." (Staff photos)

Blast Reported At Williamsburg

WILLIAMSBURG, Mich. (AP) — Residents in this northwestern Lower Michigan community say they're convinced there was an explosion in the area this past weekend although officials say no trace of a blast has been found.

And many of the town's 300 dwellers who reported hearing an explosion say the blast was similar to those resulting from natural gas eruptions which forced some 70 families to flee their homes last April.

Richard P. Weiler, Grand Traverse County sheriff, said Tuesday a thorough foot search turned up no sign that another gas eruption had occurred.

He said representatives of the Michigan Public Service Commission and state geologists joined in the four-square-mile search.

Residents Sunday night had reported hearing an explosion accompanied by a blue-white flash.

Williamsburg Postmaster Earl Gay said he was watching a football game when "suddenly boom...there was this tremendous explosion and a brilliant flash of blue light."

Weiler said the blast may have been thunder or an electrical line short circuit resulting from Sunday's six-inch snowfall.

But he conceded that thunder



SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

Lutheran School Christmas Concert Scheduled Dec. 20

The 4th annual Sacred Christmas concert of Michigan Lutheran high school will be held at 8 p.m. Dec. 20 at the school, 615 East Marquette Woods road, Lincoln township.

Ronald Pape will direct the Titan band and Festival singers, with the 9th grade chorus and Titan chorus in charge of Mrs. Bernard

Kremers, of the music department.

The presentation "Song of the Christmas Angels" by the Titan chorus will be assisted by a violin obligate played by Mrs. Kermit Biedenbender. The public is invited, and admission is free.